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1. SUMMARY: IN COURSE OF HIS MONTHLY TV ADDRESS TO THE NATION, PRESIDENT NIMEIRI DEFENDED SUDANESE HANDLING OF THE BSO CASE, WHICH HE SAID WAS NOT THE RESULT OF PRESSURE FROM ANY PARTY. HE ALSO DOWNPLAYED REPORTS OF USG PRESSURE ON US FIRMS IN SUDAN AND GAVE SEVERAL EXAMPLES OF GROWING AMERICAN INVESTMENT IN THE COUNTRY. NIMEIRI'S ADDRESS, WHICH COVERED SEVERAL SUBJECTS, WAS OF COURSE PROMINENTLY COVERED IN THE DAILY PRESS. END SUMMARY.

2. FOLLOWING IS INFORMAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF THAT PORTION OF NIMEIRI'S OCT. 7 SPEECH DEALING WITH THE BSO CASE AND AMERICAN INVESTMENT, AS PUBLISHED IN THE DAILY "AL-AYAM" OF OCTOBER 8 UNDER SUBHEAD "NO US PRESSURES ON SUDAN; US INVESTMENTS IN DEVELOPMENT
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HAVE GONE BEYOND STUDIES AND ENTERED STAGE OF

IMPLEMENTATION."

3. "I HAVE RECEIVED SOME MESSAGES ASKING ABOUT RECENTLY PUBLISHED REPORTS CONCERNING US ECONOMIC PRESSURE ON THE SUDAN WITH RESPECT TO THE QUESTION OF THE PALESTINIAN COMMANDOS WHO WERE DETAINED IN THE CASE OF THE SAUDI EMBASSY IN KHARTOUM. I WOULD LIKE TO STATE THAT WE ARE NOT AFFECTED BY PRESSURE AND DO NOT RESPOND TO PRESSURE. WE DID NOT RESPOND TO PRESSURE FROM ANY SOURCE OR ANY PARTY. WE EXERCISED OUR FULL SOVEREIGNTY AND DEFERRED TO THE LAW, AND THE LAW IN THE SUDAN HAD ITS SAY. WE THEN EXERCISED OUR RIGHT OF SOVEREIGNTY AND THE RIGHT OF TAKING ACTION WITHOUT PRESSURE OR COERCION. DESPITE THIS, I WOULD SAY FRANKLY AND CLEARLY THAT THE TALK ABOUT AMERICAN ECONOMIC PRESSURE ON THE SUDAN IS OFF THE MARK AND IMPRECISE. IN ITS LITERAL SENSE, PRESSURE NEITHER EXISTS NOR WILL HAVE ANY EFFECT UNDER ANY CONDITIONS. INVESTMENT BY AMERICAN COMPANIES IN THE SUDAN IS STILL BRISK. SOME OF THESE INVESTMENT PROJECTS HAVE PASSED THROUGH THE STUDY STAGE AND ENTERED THE STAGE OF IMPLEMENTATION. NEW PROPOSALS ARE FLOWING INTO THE SUDAN AND ARE BEING CONSIDERED. FOR EXAMPLE, SOME AMERICAN COMPANIES ARE NOW SEARCHING FOR OIL IN THE RED SEA AREA, AND THERE ARE OTHERS WHICH ARE PREPARING FOR EXPLORATIONS IN THE CENTRAL PARTS OF THE SUDAN: NORTH OF UPPER NILE, BAHAR EL-GHAZAL, SOUTH KORDOFAN, DARFUR, BLUE NILE AND WHITE NILE PROVINCES. THERE ARE OTHER AMERICAN COMPANIES WHICH ARE PREPARING TO INVEST IN ANIMAL WEALTH AND PRODUCTION OF VEGETABLES FOR EXPORT TO EARN MILLIONS OF POUNDS YEARLY IN HARD CURRENCY FOR THE SUDAN. THERE ARE HUGE AMERICAN COMPANIES THAT ARE WORKING NOW TO ESTABLISH LARGE CEMENT FACTORIES IN THE RED SEA AREA WHICH WILL PRODUCE NEARLY A MILLION TONS ANNUALLY FOR EXPORT. WE DO NOT BEG AND WE ARE NOT IN A WEAK POSITION, ASKING FOR ASSISTANCE FROM OTHERS. WE OWN RESOURCES WHICH GIVE US AND THE WORLD AROUND US OPPORTUNITIES FOR FRUITFUL AND USEFUL COOPERATION. THE ERA OF POLITICAL SENSITIVITY IS BEHIND US. IN THE PAST SUCH

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SENSITIVITY WAS A BARRIER TO ECONOMIC COOPERATION BETWEEN NATIONS. WE POSSESS POSSIBILITIES FOR INVESTMENT AND, WITHOUT POLITICAL SENSITIVITIES OR COMPLEXES, WE ARE OPEN TO THE WHOLE WORLD, EAST AND WEST."

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